

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Dec 12th, 2016

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Kathleen Lock, Bill Krause and Bob Wood. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward acknowledged those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support. Mayor Ward then announced that Council Person Amy Parker had resigned in the end of November due to the fact that she moved out of town. The council all wished both Amy and Preston the best and all thanked Amy for all of the great and hard work she put in for the town for many years. Amy's efforts and knowledge will be missed.

3. Approval of the Dec 12th, 2016 meeting agenda

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy lock to approve the Nov 14th, 2016 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

4. Approval of the Nov. 14th, 2016 Town meeting minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Oct 10th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried 4-0.**

5. Reading of Correspondence

We received copies of 2 letters send from DNREC Approving permits that 2 residents were using sand to fill in their property and a letter approving a fence @ 577. All 3 properties are on the bay side in the 500 block of Bay Ave.

We received a letter from Comcast to Negotiate the next franchise Contract.

Delaware Nature sent a \$500.00 Check in appreciation off the use of the Bathrooms that are often used during tours.

6. Mayoral or council Updates

Council Voted 4-0 in favor and replacing Amy will be Ken Lewis.

Ken took the oath of office and will serve for the remainder of Amy's term.

Congratulations Ken.

Reports:

A. Treasurer

Kathy Lock Had not yet received an updated report as of the meeting. (We received the next day).

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator. Mayor Ward *presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel reported that he worked only 3.5 hours this month. Bob also pointed out that on January 26th he will be taking the Certified Flood Plain Mgr. test. Having a Certified Flood Plain Mgr. for our town will be a real asset to the town.*

C Tax Collectors Report *Angela Tibbets report was presented by Kathy Lock. There is very little change from last month.*

D Town Street Committee report

Jimmy Dalton was not available for this meeting.

7 Old Business

a) Grants

✓ DNREC Resiliency Grant

There have been two focus groups that have recently meet and there will be a report from these meetings from DNREC in January.

DNREC has also started conversations about 3 possible grant usages.

1 – An Emergency Notification System That might include sensors under Cedar Beach Road that would activate a sign near route 1 when the road is flooded.

2 – An engineering Study to determine the effect in placing plots, Rain Gardens, Etc in town to help absorb water during a flood.

3- tie downs procedures and cost to secure Propane Tanks.

b) Beach Replenishment Committee

At the last meeting, there was discussion about Dune replacement.

The committee is also in the process of meeting with Newly Elected Councilman I. G. Burton, Rep. Harvey Kenton and State Senator Gary Simpson.

The Committee may suggest, in the near future, retaining a consultant to help this process.

They also want to examined both short and long term solutions.



They are also looking into various methods of raising funds for the process.

c) Update on the 500-600 Block of Bay Ave fill discussion with DNREC and the Army Corps of Engineers

Deldot has been in town several times to clear the drains. Two drains have been cleaned and they are still looking trying to find 2 others.

8. New Business:

1. *Banking relationship change.*

We are slowly transferring funds from PNC to WSFS

2. County Sewer and Water Discussion and vote on Pos Referendum.

After much discussion, Council voted to invite the county to look into the viability of establishing a Slaughter Beach Sewer and Water district run by the county.

If the county proceeds, there will be no risk to the town and there will be several public meetings in the process. The county would own and operate the system (not the Town) and the county would look for the funding.

A motion was made by Bill Krause and seconded by Kathy Lock. Vote was 5-0 in favor

3. Audit results process

As a result of the annual audit, it was suggested that we establish several procedures.

We wanted to get started on this and selected these 3 to start.

Social Media – Harry Ward will work on this.

Expense reimbursement – Kathy Lock will word on this.



Foia – Kathy McFadden and Bob Wood will work on this.

9 Upcoming Events

Next Town Council Meeting Jan 09, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.

13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Krause @ 8:41 PM and seconded by Kathy Lock Vote 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary